



Upton Selectmen's Newsletter

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Board of Selectmen Actions

The start of the new year is the time when the upcoming fiscal year's budget is developed. The Board strives to communicate with the public, department heads, and policymakers the capital and operation priorities of Upton's government which include federal and state mandated programs. Once priorities have been determined, budget presentations will make every effort to inform and engage the public, provide transparency, and accountability for spending public funds in a particular way. Education, which includes two regional school districts and public safety, which includes the Police Department, Fire & EMS Department, and the DPW are the largest segments of our communities budget. The Board will continue to support infrastructure projects and capital needs that are in the pipeline. The Board also recognizes the impact that last year's education funding tax override is having on the tax payers. With this in mind the Board is proposing level service and level funding to the greatest extent possible. It's important to remember that local government proposes a budget and the community's tax payers approve and authorize the spending of public funds at Town Meeting.

Project Updates

Algonquin Natural Gas will hold a open house to provide landowners, stakeholders, and public officials information about the proposed Northeast Project. The Open house will be held on Monday, 25 January 2016 at Highfields Golf & Country Club in Grafton during the hours of 5:30pm—7:30pm.

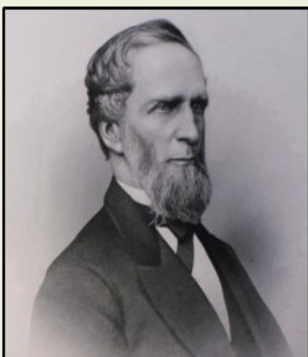
Government Business

The DPW is planning on purchased a paving hot box. The hot box is used to facilitate permanent pole hole repairs to roadway surfaces verses using the temporary cold patch materials. The hot box will be purchased with Town funds and funding from the State via a earmark grant sponsored by State Representative Muradian.

Recognition

Boy Scout Troop 132 had eight scouts that achieved the rank of Eagle Scout during the 2015 calendar year.

- Kaelan Farragher
- Justin Hackenson
- Brett Nasuti
- Derek Mager
- Dan Brochu
- Mark LeClaire
- Brian O'Sullivan
- Russell Poirier



History

William Knowlton (1809 – 1886)

Founder of William Knowlton & Sons, a major manufacturer of straw hats in the late 1800s/early 1900s. The family was very generous to Upton.

Community

The Upton Council on Aging is a team committed to identifying and responding to the social, financial, physical, and emotional needs of our town's residents. The role of the Center is evolving as the team strives to meet the increasing needs of all the residents of Upton with intergeneration programs. If you have any questions call the Center at 508.529.4558